

# Princess Elizabeth Post

Mr. R. McLean, Principal  
Mr. B. Harley, Vice-Principal

## From the Office...

*Dear Parents,*

*The Princess Elizabeth Staff would like to welcome back our students. We would also like to welcome new students and their families to our school community.*

*We hope that you and your family had a wonderful summer. A big thank you goes out to Mrs. Ciolfi our new caretaker, for getting the school in such great shape for school opening!*

*To keep you informed about the many activities and events at Princess Elizabeth, we will send home a newsletter each month with the youngest in the family. The school newsletter may also be found on our website:*

[www.dsbni.org/Schools/PrincessEliz](http://www.dsbni.org/Schools/PrincessEliz)

*If you have questions or concerns regarding your child, please do not hesitate to call the school. We look forward to a great year with our dedicated and energetic staff as we work with you to:*

**ACHIEVE SUCCESS  
TOGETHER!**



## Staff List

The Princess Elizabeth staff for the 2013-2014 school year is as follows:

Ms. M. Sager	Secretary
Mr. R. McLean	Principal
Mr. B. Harley***	Vice-Prin.
Mlle. K. Corriveau	Gr. 8-FI
Miss K. Irvine	Gr. 7 FI
Mme. B. Przybylak	Gr. 6-FI
Mr. G. Berry	Gr. 5-FI
Mr. J. Manuel	Gr. 4-FI
Mme. J. Dritsakos***	Gr. 2-FI
Mme. L. Robinson	Gr. 1-FI
Mrs. M. Verwey	Gr. 8
Mme. M. Moccia***	Gr. 7, FSL
Mrs. D. Garner	Gr. 5 / 6
Mrs. T. Beck	Gr. 4 / 5
Mrs. C. Contois	Gr. 3 / 4
Mrs. N. Lundy	Gr. 2 / 3
Mrs. D. Fazzalari	Gr. 1 / 2
Ms. G. Gruarin	ELP
Ms. C. Osborne	ELP
Mr. J. VanWely***	Phys. Ed.
Mr. M. McMurray	L.R.T.
Mrs. S. McQueen	Lib/Comp.
Mr. D. High	Arts
Miss B. Miller***	Gr. 7 Math
Ms. T. Bangay	E.A.
Miss B. Cote	E.A.
Ms. B. Helin	E.A.
Mrs. S. Pretty***	E.A.
Mrs. L. Toornstra***	E.A.
Ms. A. Church***	E.C.E.
Mrs. K. Robinson***	E.C.E.
Ms. S. Ciolfi***	Custodian
Mr. G. Sentance	Youth Counselor

## Welcome New Staff!

We know you will join us in welcoming our new staff to Princess Elizabeth noted by the stars (\*\*\*) above.

## FUN FAIR



The staff of Princess Elizabeth is excited to invite you to our Fun Fair on **Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2013** from 4:30-8:00pm. Come and meet the 2013-2014 staff and enjoy a great affordable family fun event.

Parents in our community have worked all spring and over the summer preparing for this exciting event. Attractions will include:

- Hot Dogs, Pizza, Sno-Cones
- Drinks
- Inflatable Bouncy
- 15 carnival games
- Bingo
- Face Painting
- Penny Sale
- Silent Auction
- Contests
- Prizes
- And more!!!

More communication will be sent home in the next week...but mark it on your calendar!!!

We are always looking for volunteers to help supervise some of the events. If you can help, please contact the school at 905-734-3460.

## Class Re-organization ?

Class sizes across the DSBNI are reviewed after the first week of school. If our numbers warrant, we may require another ELP (JK/SK) class to start September 16<sup>th</sup>. If this is the case, we will reorganize our classes and have a new kindergarten class in room 4.

**BELL TIMES!!!****Kindergarten:**

All Day : 8:50-3:20p.m.

**Grades 1-8:**

Morning Entry: 8:50am  
 Morning Break: 10:30am- 11:10am  
 Afternoon Brk: 12:50pm - 1:40pm  
 Afternoon Dismissal: 3:20pm

**Students who are repeatedly late WILL likely be detained after school and/or during breaks to compensate for lost class time.**

**Student Photo Day!**

On Tuesday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, Lasting Images Photography will be coming to school to take student and class photos.

Please be sure you have dressed your children appropriately for the day and **PRACTISE THOSE SMILES!!!**

**Early Release Days**

Across the entire District School Board of Niagara on Friday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, all students will be dismissed at the end of morning classes. There will be no afternoon classes for students since all teachers will be involved in meetings.

Also, please note that there is another Early Release Day on Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

PLEASE MARK THESE ON YOUR CALENDAR SO DAY-CARE ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE AS NECESSARY.

**Information Sent Home**

Over the first week, a considerable amount of information will be sent home to you. **Please carefully read over the material and send back forms promptly.** Thank you!

Please find a PERSONALIZED information sheet in the package. For our records and your child's safety, **carefully** check all the data on the form and make any necessary corrections/updates. Please return this form to school as soon as possible so your child's records can be updated.

**Please note... student organizers are sent home during the first week. We ask that parents cover a portion of the cost by sending in \$5.00 per student.**

**No Child Without**

Princess Elizabeth is involved in the Canadian MedicAlert



Foundation's **No Child Without** program. There is no cost for students who attend our school and are between the ages of 4 up to their 14<sup>th</sup> birthday to join MedicAlert through this program. If your child has a medical condition, allergy or is required to take medication on a regular basis, then you should consider this program. A child's MedicAlert identification can alert school staff, friends, coaches and others about your child's medical condition should an emergency occur.

For further information come to the office for a brochure or go to [www.nochildwithout.ca](http://www.nochildwithout.ca). To register your child you will need a **No Child Without** brochure from the office.

If your child is already part of the **No Child Without** program and there have been changes to their medical condition, medications or emergency contact information, call MedicAlert at 1-800-668-1507 to update your child's file.

**Entry / Dismissal & Student Pick-Up**

Students will be informed through which doors they are expected to enter and exit. This will become routine for students quickly in September.

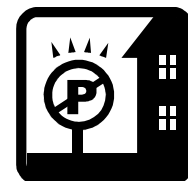
If you are picking up your son/daughter from school, we ask that you **wait outside their exit door** or instruct them where to meet you. If older students are picking up younger siblings, they too are expected to follow these procedures. This is **for the safety of your children**. Also for safety reasons, only the office door will be unlocked and all visitors must be acknowledged at the office.

We appreciate your co-operation in this matter.

**Also, students are expected to go directly home once dismissed unless they have a written note. We want to ensure all our students arrive home safely. Please remind your children of this policy.**

If you are driving to pick up your son/daughter, please adhere to the parking signs and laws. Be aware of bus loading zones. Just one vehicle parked illegally can cause quite a back-up and jeopardize the safety of our students. It may be safest to park your car further away and walk to drop your child off or meet your child upon dismissal.

**Note: PLEASE do NOT park, or even idle your car in the front circle driveway. It causes a dangerous situation for those coming in the main office door.**



### Student Accident Insurance

Each year a Student Accident Insurance Plan is made available for all students on a voluntary basis. The plan provides protection for **dental**



**damage due to accidents, fracture benefits and other important coverages**, which are **NOT** covered under the Provincial Health Plan. Some parents may have Dental Plan coverage through their work but many of these plans are limited in one way or another, while this accident coverage is not. You should compare to make sure you have the coverage you need or desire.

**Under the Education Act, the Board is not permitted to provide coverage for accidents to pupils, therefore**, the Board recommends consideration of this plan to any parent who wishes to obtain this kind of insurance. Although the policy has all the advantages of a group plan, it is essentially a direct contract between the parent and the insurance company.

Details of these plans are described on the enclosed application form. If you require further information, you may contact **Reliable Life at Box 2046, Hamilton, L8N 9Z9 or call toll free at 1-800-465-0661**. If you wish to subscribe to this insurance, please complete the form and mail it *directly* to Reliable Life Insurance Company in the enclosed stamped envelope immediately, but preferably before the end of **September**. **PLEASE DO NOT SEND CASH.**

You may also enroll online at [www.insuremykids.com](http://www.insuremykids.com)

If the enrolment form for the Student Accident Insurance Plan has not been received or it has been misplaced, please contact the school office.

### Terry Fox

Princess Elizabeth will be holding their annual Terry Fox fund-raiser during October. Our Terry Fox Walk will take place on Thursday, September 26<sup>th</sup>. All monies raised go to support Cancer research. Please look for additional communication about this coming home later this month.



### School Based Immunization

Did you know that every year in Canada, 1,400 women are diagnosed with cervical cancer and more than 400 will die from it?

Almost all cervical cancers are caused by a Human Papillomavirus (HPV) infection. The HPV vaccine is an important medical advancement that makes cervical cancer a preventable disease.

Once again this year, the HPV vaccine called Gardasil® will be offered free to **all female Grade 8 students** through Niagara Region Public Health's school-based immunization clinics. In addition, the Hepatitis B vaccine and the Meningococcal vaccine called Menactra® will be offered free to **all Grade 7 students**.

Parent/student information packages will be coming home with your child in September. Clinic dates and times will be announced through your child's school.

For more information, speak to your school nurse or call the Vaccine Preventable Disease Program at 905-688-8248 or 1-888-505-6074 ext. 7425.

Niagara  Region  
PUBLIC HEALTH

### Medically At-Risk Students

Please inform your child's teacher and **Mr. Harley**, in writing, if your child is at risk of anaphylaxis or has a serious medical condition. Forms for you to complete (available at the office) should outline the expected symptoms and your requested intervention from school.



### Medication for Students

Any prescribed medication that is to be administered to students during school hours must have an authorization form completed by the parent/guardian AND prescribing physician. These forms are available at the school office and must be updated on a yearly basis. The medication must be sent to school in the original container with the label attached. It is the responsibility of the student to go to Room 4 at the appropriate time for his/her medication.



### Calendar

Check the attached calendar to keep up-to-date on our planned events. A calendar is also included on the school website:



[www.dsbn.org/Schools/PrincessEliz](http://www.dsbn.org/Schools/PrincessEliz)

Scan the QR code to get you to the website...



## 10 GREAT REASONS TO WALK TO SCHOOL

from your school nurse, Jayne Siba:

1. It's fun
2. It's healthy
3. It's non-polluting
4. It helps polar bears
5. It's economical
6. It reduces stress
7. It's a chance to teach and learn road safety skills
8. It's educational
9. It's a great way to meet new friends
10. It's a way to make streets safer



### Get your feet on the street!

For more information go to  
[www.saferoutestoschool.ca](http://www.saferoutestoschool.ca)

## Triple P – Positive Parenting Program in Niagara

Kids don't come with an instruction manual, so when it comes to parenting, how do you know what's best and what works?

Triple P - Positive Parenting Program is one of the world's most effective parenting programs. For more than 30 years, Triple P has helped families around the world deal with issues ranging from temper tantrums to disobedience, bedtime dramas to homework battles, schoolyard bullying to teenage rebellion.

Whatever your parenting needs - no matter how simple or how complex - Triple P can help. To learn more about seminars and group sessions visit [www.niagararegion.ca](http://www.niagararegion.ca) search: Triple P or talk to your school nurse.

## DSBN Instrumental Music Program

The DSBN instrumental music programme starts up again the week of September 16th. This programme is offered to all students from grade 4 to grade 8 and is a convenient, affordable way to learn an instrument. For more information, contact the N.E.I.M. programme by phone at:

**905-641-2929 ext 52296**

or by e-mail at:

[Elementary.instrumentalmusic@dsbn.org](mailto:Elementary.instrumentalmusic@dsbn.org)

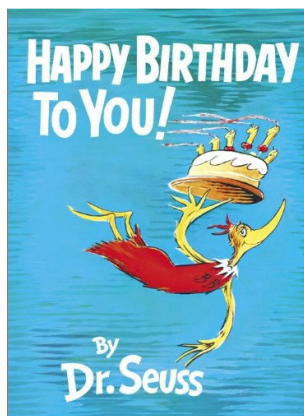
or look up information at

[www.freewebs.com/niagaramusic](http://www.freewebs.com/niagaramusic)

## Birthday Books

We are hoping to continue our successful Birthday Book program again this year. Look for communications directly to you around the time of your child's birthday.

Contact the office with any questions or if you want to help in the library!



## Absences / Lates

To help out our secretary, Ms. Sager, parents are reminded to call the school prior to 8:40am if your son/daughter will be absent or has an appointment first thing in the morning.



**Students who are repeatedly late WILL likely be detained after school and/or during breaks to compensate for lost class time.**

## Milk Orders

We are pleased to facilitate students drinking a healthy beverage daily. We will have MILK ORDERS about every other month attached with our newsletter.



Please complete the attached form and submit to your child's teacher or office **no later than September 13th**

## Ice Cream Sales

We have grade 8 students selling ice cream for \$1 an item daily at break. All profits go towards supporting our student awards program.



## Pick A Square

On an ongoing basis, we have a 'Pick-A-Square' draw run out of our main office. Prizes include edible goodies, school supplies and clothing. The cost of each draw varies from 50 cents to 2 dollars depending on the prizes. Pop into the office to see the current draw!



**Princess Elizabeth Parent Advisory Council (P.A.C.)**

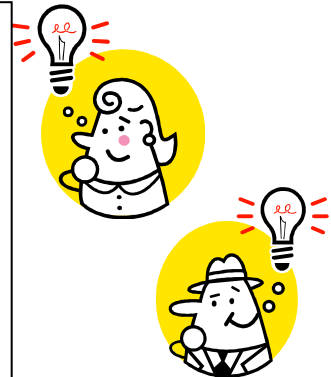
Welcome back! We hope that everyone had a restful and exciting summer. The PAC is looking forward to a great year to support the students at Princess Elizabeth.

The first **PAC meeting** will be held **Thursday, September 26, 2013 at 6:30 pm** in the school library for anyone who is able to attend. Everyone is welcome and your input is always valuable. Come and join us for snacks and join the open forum to share ideas for the coming year! Every idea is a good one – and more heads are better than one! We want our PAC meetings to be inviting and open for all!

**PRINCESS ELIZABETH PUBLIC SCHOOL  
PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL  
1<sup>st</sup> MEETING**

Thursday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2013  
6:30pm

**ACHIEVING SUCCESS TOGETHER!**



**We are always looking for more Parent Council Members!** Please read the attached form and consider participating regularly in our Parent Advisory Council!

Looking forward to working with you!



## **Princess Elizabeth School Advisory Council (SAC)**

Dear Parents,

On behalf of the School Advisory Council at Princess Elizabeth I am extending an invitation to you to participate on our School Council. School councils play an important role ensuring the success of all students and communicating school successes to parents and community members. Serving on your school council will give you the opportunity to provide meaningful input on school life and become a voice for parents and community members in our community.

### **Who is eligible to be a school council member?**

All parents/guardians who have a child(ren) enrolled in Princess Elizabeth are eligible to run for a position on school council. Any parent who is also an employee of the District School Board of Niagara must declare their status on the nomination form.

### **What are the responsibilities of a school council member?**

- focus on improved learning for all students
- maintain a school wide perspective on issues
- represent and communicate the views of the school community
- provide advice to the school principal
- attend and contribute regularly at all school council meetings
- act as a link between the school council and community
- participate in information and training sessions and forums

### **How are school council decisions made?**

School councils will try to make decisions by consensus. However, sometimes this isn't possible, and a vote is necessary. All council members can vote, and a majority vote of the members present at the meeting is required. A tie vote is a loss. Any member of the council can make a motion at a meeting. A motion is approved if a majority of the members favour it.

### **How long are council terms?**

The term of office for elected positions on the council is normally two years. However, the school council can decide to have some one year terms.

If you are interested in declaring your candidacy for school council, please complete the attached nomination form (on the back) and **return it to school by Thursday, September 26, 2013.**

Thank you for your partnership!

Mr. R. McLean  
Principal

Mr. B. Harley  
Vice-Principal

**Princess Elizabeth School Advisory Council**  
**Nomination Form**

I wish to declare my candidacy for an elected position as a parent/guardian representative on the school council.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Business phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

I am the parent/guardian of:

Student's Name

Grade

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

I am an employee of the board  yes  no

Candidate's signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

